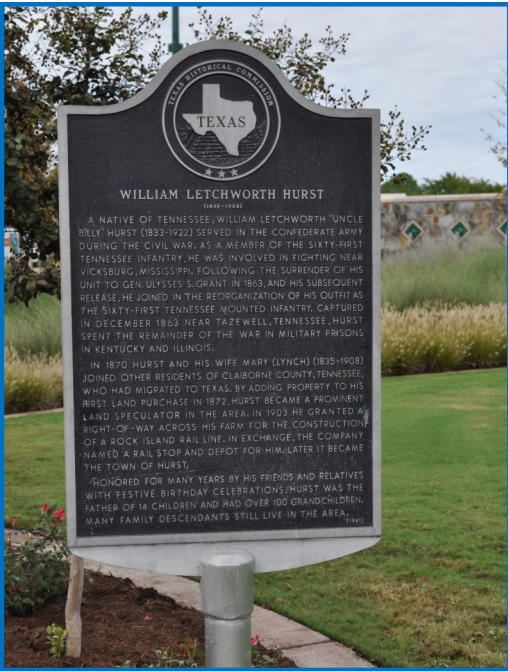


A Texas Historical Marker recognizes the founding father of Hurst



Bust of William “Uncle Billy” Hurst with time capsule underneath.



Heritage Village Plaza



The City of Hurst Historical Plaza



Each Mayor who has ever served the City of Hurst is recognized.



Past & present City of Hurst Council Members are recognized.



The Historical Plaza, located in the common area of Heritage Village, includes a Texas historical marker, the City of Hurst 50th Anniversary Time Capsule, and a bust of the founding father of Hurst, William Letchworth Hurst. The focal point of the Historical Plaza is “Remembrances of My Home Town” by Janice Hart Melito. On the ledge surrounding the artwork are plaques recognizing each Mayor that has ever served the City of Hurst. Plaques recognizing the past and present City of Hurst Councilmembers are on the outer walls of the Historical Plaza. The Historical Plaza is designed to be welcoming to the public. Visitors can walk around the artwork to view it from all angles. The City of Hurst invites you to come experience the Historical Plaza at Heritage Village to remember where the City has come from and appreciate where we are today.

Heritage Village Plaza and the Hurst Historical Plaza are located at:
837 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst, Texas 76053



Remembrances of My Home Town



"Remembrances of My Home Town" by Janice Hart Melito is an exterior site specific sculpture created for the City of Hurst. The piece is comprised of three monolithic columns that symbolize the past, present, and future. Each column is banded with sculptural reliefs that tell the story of the City and celebrates the community spirit of Hurst. Janice Hart Melito has been a full time professional artist with a focus in sculpture, painting and drawing mediums since graduating from Texas Christian University with a Masters of Fine Arts Degree. Her work has been shown throughout the United States as well as in Madrid and Buenos Aires and she has created public art for many cities in Texas.



Enticed by opportunities for land as part of the Peters Colony, early settlers began to trickle into the area around the Trinity Basin, but it was not until after the Civil War that settlement of the area began to pick up. In 1853, Isaac Parker built a log cabin on land in the southwest corner of present day Hurst (depicted in the bas relief). Cynthia Ann Parker, his niece, was captured in May 1836 by Comanche and Kiowa Indians. After being recaptured from the Indians in 1860, she and daughter were returned to relatives at this farm.

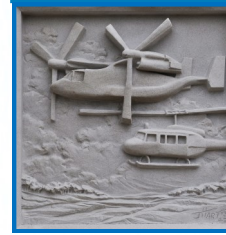


In 1870, William Letchworth Hurst ("Uncle Billy" as he was popularly known) moved into the area with his family where he found success trading and speculating in land and horses. William Hurst made a deal in

1903 with the Rock Island Railroad that eventually led the community to take his name. He agreed to let the railroad lay track connecting Fort Worth and Dallas on his land with the condition that a stop be established there, and a depot built and given his name. The Rock Island Station was built in 1903, and, along with the surrounding community, was finally officially given the name Hurst in 1909.



The Hurst School, as it was previously known, was built between the years of 1938-40 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. This building is one of the few constructed by the WPA in Northeast Tarrant County. It served as the primary school house for the children of Hurst in the 1940s and 1950s. Also it served as a Union Hall and recreational facility for Union Auto Workers Local No. 218 from 1975-1999. In 2000, the building was sold to New Haven Fellowship Church. Today it is a significant landmark on Hwy 10.



Hurst saw little growth in the first half of the 20th century, with developments like the Hurst School in 1940, and the 1949 establishment of the Hurst post office constituting big news for

the 1,000 or so residents they served. In 1951, however, everything changed when Bell Helicopter opened a \$3 million plant in Hurst that pioneered the helicopter aviation industry in Texas, and caused a growth boom for the area. During the height of the Vietnam War, the Bell Helicopter workforce topped 11,000, many of them building Hueys (depicted in the bas relief along with the V-22).

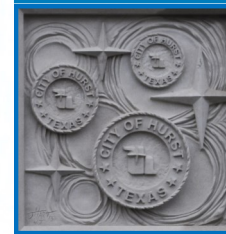


Rivaling the North East Mall Expansion in size and importance, the Transforming Hurst Redevelopment Program features three different areas of the City: Heritage Village, Hurst Town Center and Bellaire. For central Hurst, a plan was developed to improve Hurst Town Center with mixed-use, entertainment, hotels, and meeting venue improvements. The Hurst Conference Center is the focal point of the development and the City opened the Center for operations in 2010. The soon to be completed Justice Center and parking garage are another component of Transforming Hurst.



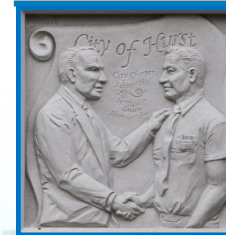
Hurst is a great place to live and raise your family. It is truly a "Quality of Life City". As a residential community, one thing that makes Hurst a Quality of Life City is its many

amenities, including the wonderful Parks system with its trails, playgrounds, trees, and open areas.



The City Seal is the official symbol used to signify Hurst as a government. The City Seal is used to identify the City on official documents. Since the City's incorporation, the

City has had several different seals. The current one incorporates part of the original design and has been used since the early 1990s.



The City was incorporated as a general law city on September 25, 1952 (artistically represented in the bas relief). Hurst now operates under a home-rule charter adopted in

1956, which provides for a council-manager form of government. Hurst has a City Council composed of the Mayor and six Councilmembers that is dedicated and works hard for its citizens. The Council is responsible for all matters of policy and the City Manager is directly responsible to the Council in carrying out that policy. Additionally, there are eleven boards and commissions that assist the City Council in deciding matters of policy and procedures.



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